

**ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
CHARLESTON, SC  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2010**

The Ecosystem-Based Management Committee convened on Tuesday, September 14, 2010. The Committee received a report from SSC Chair, Dr. Carolyn Belcher; discussed changes to the Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2, including proposed EFH and EFH-HAPCs, and provided guidance to staff; provided guidance on actions pertaining to *Sargassum*; reviewed and approved the draft estuarine and marine invasive species policies; and received an update on SAFMC activities pertaining to ecosystem-based management in the region.

The committee made the following motions:

MOTION #1: COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT THE SEFSC PROVIDE TRENDS AND SAFE REPORTS ANNUALLY BY THE SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

**Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2**

MOTION #2: WITHDRAW ACTION 1-5 AND REPLACE WITH AN EXPLANATION  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

MOTION #3: THE COUNCIL'S INTENT IS THAT THE 50K COLONIES APPLY TO BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL WATERS  
MOTION WITHDRAWN

MOTION #4: ADD AN ACTION TO THE DOCUMENT TO SPECIFY THAT THE 50K COLONY QUOTA APPLY TO BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL WATERS IN THE SA AND GULF OF MEXICO  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

MOTION #5: REMOVE OCTOCORALS FROM THE CORAL FMP WITH THE INTENT TO ASK THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO ASSUME MANAGEMENT FOR OCTOCORALS

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: RESTRUCTURE ACTION 7 TO REMOVE OCTOCORALS FROM THE FMP

SUBSTITUTE MOTION APPROVED

MAIN MOTION APPROVED

*Action 7. Transfer management authority of the octocoral fishery to the State of Florida*

MOTION #6: INCLUDE ALTERNATIVE 4 TO PROHIBIT USE OF SPEAR GUNS AND HAND SPEARS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE IPT

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

Action 8. *Modify management of South Carolina Special Management Zones (SMZs).*

Alternative 1. *No action. Do not modify the current management of SMZs off South Carolina.*

Alternative 2. *Limit harvest and possession of snapper grouper species (with the use of all non-prohibited fishing gear) in South Carolina's Special Management Zones to the recreational bag limit.*

Alternative 3. *Limit harvest and possession of CMP species (with the use of all non-prohibited fishing gear) in South Carolina's Special Management Zones to the recreational bag limit.*

MOTION #7: MOVE ACTION 9 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

Action 9. *Modify management of Special Management Zones throughout the South Atlantic.*

### **Sargassum**

MOTION #8: REQUEST THAT THE IPT INVESTIGATE ADDITIONAL ACTIONS INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF DESIGNATING SARGASSUM AS AN EC UNDER ANOTHER FMP (DOLPHIN WAHOO?) AND/OR WITHDRAWING THE SARGASSUM FMP

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

### **Invasive Species**

MOTION #9: APPROVE ESTUARINE INVASIVE SPECIES POLICY WITH GUIDANCE TO STAFF TO CONDUCT NECESSARY EDITS

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

MOTION #10: MODIFY BOTH ESTUARINE AND MARINE INVASIVE SPECIES POLICIES TO STRONGLY DISCOURAGE USE OF NON-NATIVE SPECIES IN AQUACULTURE

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

MOTION # 11: APPROVE MARINE INVASIVE SPECIES POLICY WITH GUIDANCE TO STAFF TO CONDUCT NECESSARY EDITS

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

### **Guidance to staff**

- Staff will provide the Action Plan for the South Atlantic Alliance to the Committee when available.

